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For: METHODS FOR PROMOTING CELL VIABILITY

DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

We, Walter C. Low and Clifford J. Steer, declare and say as follows:

1. We are co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/549,867, filed September 22, 2005, which is a U.S. National Stage Application of International Application PCT/US2003/09819, filed April 2, 2003.

2. One of us, Walter C. Low, received a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in 1979 and a B.S. degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara. At the time of the invention I was a Professor in the Department of Neurosurgery and Director of the Neurosurgery Research Laboratories at the University of Minnesota.

3. One of us, Clifford John Steer, received a M.D. from the University of Minnesota, School of Medicine, in 1974 and a B.A. in Physiology and Chemistry from the University of Minnesota, College of Liberal Arts, in 1970. At the time of the invention I was a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Genetics, Cell Biology, and Development and the Director of the Molecular Gastroenterology Program at the University of Minnesota.

4. We have read and are familiar with the Office Action mailed July 17, 2009, with respect to the above-identified application and with Duan et al., "Tauroursodeoxycholic Acid Improves the Survival and Function of Nigral Transplants in a Rat Model of Parkinson's